Central Road Fund

3486 PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total money credited to the Central Road Fund; and

(b) the number of schemes of road works approved and financed out of the fund during the last three years in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The total funds credited by Ministry of Finance towards Central Road Fund during the 8th Five Year is Rs. 107.24 crores.

(b) During the last three years no road works have been sanctioned to State of Kerala under the Central Road Fund Scheme.

Soil Erosion

3487. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to soil erosion, India is losing its territory to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the total territory so far losed due to this;

(c) whether Pakistan's has diverted flow of Ravi and Sutlej rivers;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop this erosion of territory;

(e) whether this has resulted in loss of fertile land of Punjab State; and

(f) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Rivers Ravi and Sutlej flow along the Indo-Pak Border before entering Pakistan. During floods these rivers change their course and soil erosion resulting in loss of land to the river.

(c) The Pakistan has, over the years, constructed flood embankments and spurs on its side of the river. These works under certain hydrological and morphological conditions divert the flow of the river towards the other bank in the Indian Territory.

(d) to (f). The State of Punjab has been constructing counter protective works to keep the river away from the Indian border, so as to avoid loss of fertile land, according to the recommendations of the Committee on special Remedial works for Flood Protection Embankments on rivers Ravi and Sutlej. About Rs. 1.5 crore is earmarked every year as Central Loan Assistance to State of Punjab for construction of these counter protective works. As this amount is not sufficient the state undertakes balance works depending upon priorities and resources available with them. Ministry of Home Affairs has also constituted a High Level Committee comprising experts from concerned Ministries to look into this matter.

[Translation]

Sex Diseases

3488. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his ministry has conducted any survey under the Central Schemes to identify the sex-diseases prevailing in youths all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly, with reference to Hamirpur in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No such country-wide survey was conducted under the Central Schemes to ascertain the prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Diseases among the youth. However, base-line surveys have been conducted at Jaipur, Madras, Calcutta and the rural areas of Tamil Nadu to study prevalence of STD in the general population.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

[English]

Diabetes Patients

3489. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Viswa bhar mein Sarvadhik madhumeh pirit Bharat mein" appearing in the *Dainik Jagran* dated November 15, 1996;

(b) if so, the percentage of total population suffering from diabetes in India;

(c) whether any scheme has been chalked out by the Government to curb diabetes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No nation wide data is available. However, on basis of some of ICMR studies estimated prevalance of diabetes mollitus in India is 1.73%.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.